



Role of the Class Rep

Being a Class Rep is an important and rewarding role. Class Reps help build a sense of community among the class parents and they help provide the link between the parents and the school. We want to encourage as many families as possible to support with life at Hollymount and the class rep role is an important part of this. Typically, we have three class reps a year and they take turns each term but we can be flexible with this and there is lots of help and guidance for first time reps.

Being a point of call

The Class Rep serves a primary role in maintaining good communication between parents, while also being a valuable resource to the teacher and the class. The Class Reps also facilitate the social interaction among families in the community. Class Reps use Classlist to help communicate and to support each other.

Suggestions for ways that Class Reps support the class and the teacher:

- General in-class support as requested by the teacher
- Encouraging parents to support school and class events through volunteering
- Help with organising class parties and events
- Linking with the PTA and organising the year group cake sale and summer/winter fair stalls
- Helping new families to the class settle in and feel welcomed
- Half termly meetings with the senior leadership team of the school to discuss important issues and priorities
- Helping with cooking activities and other practical activities when asked by the teacher
- Organising a working party for an outside area or community days

Organising Social Events for Parents

Class coffee mornings and social events are always good fun and the most effective way of helping parents get to know each other and generating a good team spirit in your class. The class reps organise events solely for parents and the rep supports and encourages attendance! We would also strongly encourage class reps to help new families integrate into life at Hollymount.

Half termly meetings with the Headteacher

The class rep will collect views and ideas around certain themes and use this to feedback to the Headteacher as part of a half termly meeting.

What specifically does a Class Rep not do?

Class representatives are not to be used to help other parents express concerns about their own children. This should be done directly between the parents themselves and the teacher. The Class Rep does not have 'special' access to the teacher and the Class Rep will not send out any information that has not already sent by the school.

The PTA and Class reps may work together but Class Reps are not fully responsible for PTA activities but may help facilitate support or encourage other parents to support.

There is no requirement for Class Reps to be in school (ie at drop off) each day. Parents who use wraparound care can 100% be a Rep too!

What previous class reps have said

'I really enjoyed being a class rep for the first time this year because I felt I was helping other parents and the school in general. It was also really nice to see how much my son was proud that his mum was a rep and organising the stall for year 2 at the fairs.

I also really enjoyed being the first point of contact between parents and teachers and helping parents feel organised for the weeks ahead.

It's really nice to be part of your school community and you get to know a lot more parents this way and understand more how the PTA works.

Being a class rep, this year has been a really positive experience. As a conduit between the teachers and the parents, it has made me feel a lot closer to my daughter's education, and has really helped me get to know the Year 1 community far better, far more quickly.

I was a class rep for my eldest daughter and decided to be a class rep for my younger daughter again as I found the experience rewarding. I personally enjoyed helping out around the winter festivities and it was a lovely opportunity to meet the children in my daughter's class and share their excitement in class activities.